

Abstract

Footwear with an improved sole, and an improved sole and a method for manufacturing the same are provided. The improved sole includes at least one pod secured in situ to a molded outsole. Each pod includes a ground-engaging end and an upper end having an outwardly extending flange proximate thereto. In the method for manufacture of the sole, the outsole is secured to the pods in situ. The outsole and pods are formed from different materials and are secured in situ during formation of the outsole, with each pod placed in a mold cavity section and the flange being encapsulated by the moldable outsole material.